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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping task force, which includes his own team of Avengers.

After Norman had the Hood's syndicate surprise-attack the New Avengers, Clint Barton – aka Hawkeye – aka Ronin went to the media and outed Norman as the twisted Green Goblin…

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AVENGERS TOWER.
OSBORN.
ARES. GOOD, GOOD...
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
HMM? NO. I WAS TAKING NOTES. INTO THE ARMOR.
WHAT ARE WE DOING TODAY?
TODAY WE ARE MAKING A LIST.
A LIST OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT NEED TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THE WAY THEY ARE.
THERE IS THE WAY THINGS WERE PRIOR TO US BEING IN CHARGE AND THERE IS THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE NOW THAT WE ARE IN CHARGE.
LIKE?
THE MUTANT SITUATION, FOR EXAMPLE. IT WAS A PROBLEM. AND NOW WE'VE SOLVED THAT PROBLEM.
SO NOW I HAVE TO ASK MYSELF...
AND YOU...
WHY IS THE HULK STILL RUNNING AROUND DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT?
WHY IS TONY STARK NOT IN JAIL FOR HIS WAR CRIMES?
WHY IS SPIDER-MAN ALLOWED TO WALK FREE?
WHY HASN'T THAT RENEGADE CLINT BARTON BEEN HUNTED DOWN AND TAKEN CARE OF? AND THE REST OF THOSE AVENGERS?
WHY IS NICK FURY ALLOWED TO SNEAK AROUND TRAINING YOUTH TERRORISTS?
THIS SOUNDS LIKE WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A HIT LIST.
NO.
I'M TALKING ABOUT CHANGING THE STATUS QUO BECAUSE AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE STATUS QUO, AS IT WAS UNDER NICK FURY AND TONY STARK AND THE AVENGERS BEFORE US...
...DOESN'T WORK.
IF IT WORKED, I WOULDN'T BE IN CHARGE NOW.
IF IT WORKED, THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SUPERHUMAN CIVIL WAR OR A SKRULL INVASION OR A HULK ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY...
AND THE SCARLET WITCH WOULD NOT HAVE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO UNLEASH HER POWER ON THE WORLD AND WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE SPECIES.
WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE MANY HORRIFIC THINGS I WAS BRIEFED ON WHEN I GOT THIS JOB.
WE NEED A LIST.
BUT IT'S NOT A HIT LIST. IT'S A TO DO LIST. IT'S A MUST DO LIST.
OR REALLY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF EVEN TAKING THE GIG.
IT SEEMS YOU ALREADY HAVE A LIST.
NOW WE NEED A PLAN.

THE MUTANT X-MEN'S LAST DITCH EFFORT AT A HUMAN-FREE UTOPIA HAS BEEN DEEMED AN ACT OF TREASON BY NORMAN OSBORN.
THE NEWLY FORMED MUTANT ISLAND IS NOW BY ALL DEFINITIONS A MUTANT PRISON CAMP.
WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR OFFICIAL WORD FROM H.A.M.M.E.R., BUT OSBORN HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAS A ONE-STRIKE POLICY AGAINST ANY AND ALL THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES.
SO WE HAVE TO IMAGINE THE X-MEN MUST POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR WAY OF LIFE.
NOW WE'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY WHO IS ON THE ISLAND OR HOW MANY OF OUR COUNTRY'S MUTANTS ARE--
AVENGERS HIDEOUT.
AND WITH THAT...
I AM GOING TO KILL NORMAN OSBORN.

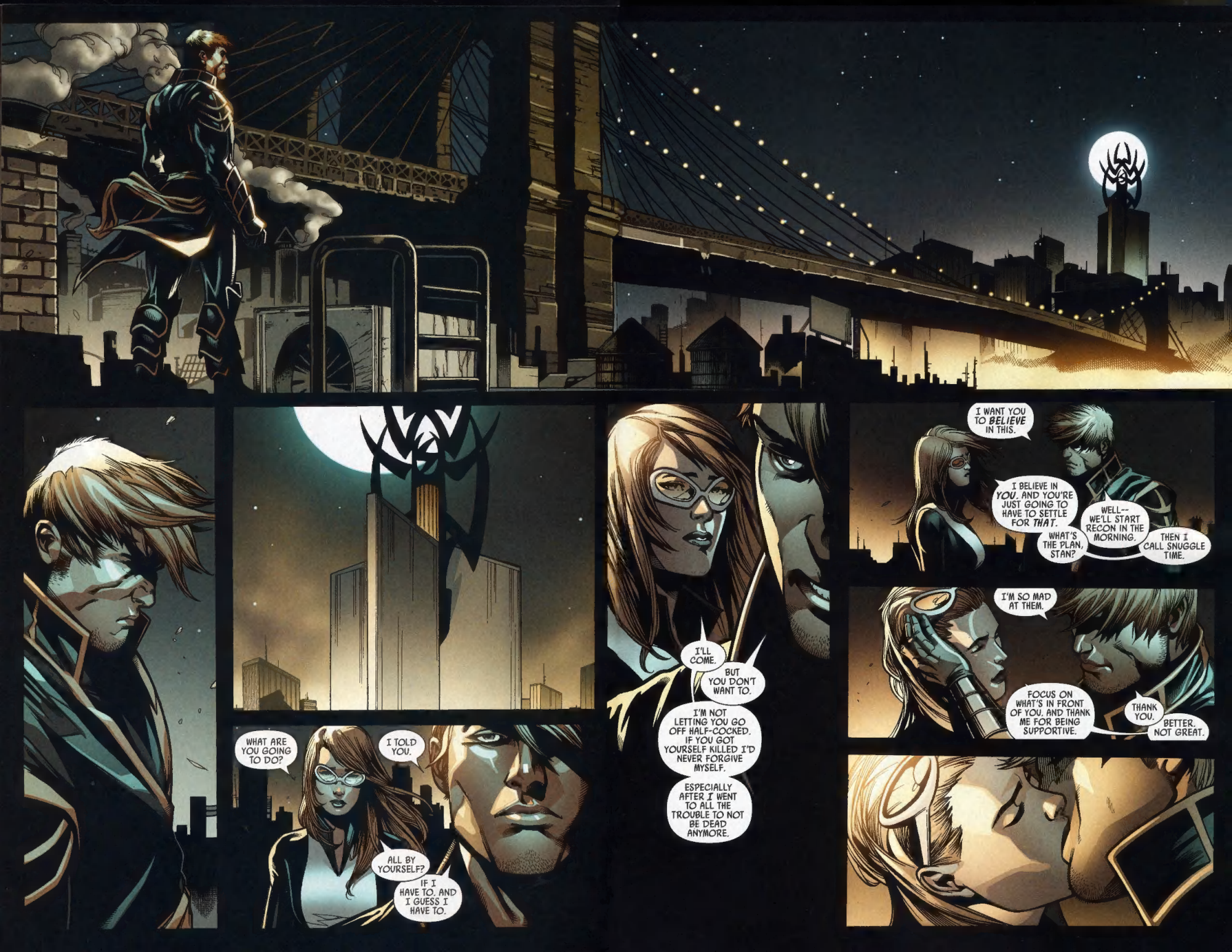
STOP IT, BARTON.
WHO'S IN?
STOP.
I THOUGHT WE WENT THROUGH ALL THIS, CLINT.
SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO SIT HERE?
NO. WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING.
WE GO TO THE X-ISLAND AND WE HELP OUR FRIENDS.
AND THEN WHAT? HOW DOES THAT SOLVE THE PROBLEM?
THERE IS SOMETHING TRULY EVIL AT THE CORE OF ALL THIS.
AND IT'S BEING ALLOWED TO RUN RAMPANT OVER OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF EVERY INNOCENT WOMAN, MAN AND CHILD IN THIS COUNTRY.
DON'T FORGET THE PETS AND FARM ANIMALS!
JOKES? THIS IS WHAT I AM GETTING??
WELL, I'M GETTING A BIG WHOMPIN', HYSTERICAL NERVOUS BREAKDOWN FROM YOU, IT ONLY SEEMS FAIR.
CLINT DOES MAKE A POINT.
HE MAKES A CASE FOR LEXAPRO.
LUKE CAGE IS INJURED. WOLVERINE IS STUCK ON THAT ISLAND.
WE'RE BEING PICKED OFF ONE BY ONE!!
HEY, LUKE'S WIFE AND KID ARE IN THE NEXT ROOM...
JESSICA SHOULD HAVE A VOTE HERE, BECAUSE SHE'D SIDE WITH ME.
IT'S THE SIMPLEST QUESTION AND IT'S RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF US...
AND GOD KNOWS WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON THERE. GOD KNOWS WHAT THE MEDIA ISN'T TELLING US.
IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND KILL HITLER, WOULDN'T YOU?

I DID.
YOU DID WHAT?
I, UH, I KILLED HITLER.
UM, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
OSBORN'S NOT HITLER.
REALLY? BECAUSE LOOK, THERE'S A MUTANT CONCENTRATION CAMP RIGHT THERE ON T.V.
AM I ALONE IN THIS? DO YOU ALL WANT TO GO KILL HIM?

I WANT TO.
BUT IT'S WRONG.
OBVIOUSLY.
WHAT'S OBVIOUS?
WHY'S IT OBVIOUS?
BECAUSE MURDERING IS WRONG.
IT'S IN THE TOP TEN OF WRONG.
AND KILLING HIM MIGHT NOT MAKE OUR LIVES ANY BETTER.
IT MAY NOT SOLVE THE BIGGER PROBLEM AND IT MAY NOT GET OUR FRIENDS BACK.

BABE...
I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.
REALLY?
IT'S A BAD ROAD TO GO DOWN.
IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES... YES. YES.
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING MORE EXTREME.
THIS IS THAT EXTREME SITUATION THAT--
YOU KILL HIM, AND LET'S SAY YOU'RE WRONG...
IT'S A MISTAKE YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK.
EVER.
HEY, MAN...
I TOLD YOU BEFORE...

IT'S EASY TO BE A GOOD GUY WHEN EVERYTHING IS HUNKY-DORY.
IT'S ANOTHER THING WHEN YOUR RESOLVE IS BEING TESTED.
AND YOUR RESOLVE IS BEING TESTED.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING?!
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A PLAN AND HELP OUR FRIENDS.
I VOTE WE GO TO SAN FRAN AND WE HELP OUR FRIENDS.
AND I VOTE WE STOP HIDING!!
WE WHACK THIS NUTJOB OSBORN LIKE SPIDEY SHOULD HAVE DONE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WE END THIS MADNESS.
AND THEN WHAT?
AND THEN WHAT, WHAT?
THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF A PLAN. WHAT'S THE REST OF THE PLAN?
YEAH? WHAT'S THE REST OF THE PLAN AFTER WE GO TO SAN FRANCISCO?
I'M ASKING THAT TOO.
WELL, CAPTAIN AMERICA, WE SIT DOWN AND WE FIGURE ONE OUT.
I'M DONE SITTING.
WOW.
HE'S GONNA GET KILLED.
I'LL GO TALK TO HIM.


WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I TOLD YOU.
ALL BY YOURSELF?
IF I HAVE TO. AND I GUESS I HAVE TO.
I'LL COME.
BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO OFF HALF-COCKED. IF YOU GOT YOURSELF KILLED I'D NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF.
ESPECIALLY AFTER I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO NOT BE DEAD ANYMORE.
I WANT YOU TO BELIEVE IN THIS.
I BELIEVE IN YOU. AND YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO SETTLE FOR THAT.
WHAT'S THE PLAN, STAN?
WELL-- WE'LL START RECON IN THE MORNING.
THEN I CALL SNUGGLE TIME.
I'M SO MAD AT THEM.
FOCUS ON WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU. AND THANK ME FOR BEING SUPPORTIVE.
THANK YOU.
BETTER. NOT GREAT.

NOW OR NEVER.
FFIIZZZZZZZZ
FFIIZZZZZZ

CHUCK
CHUCK
CHUCK
HUT.

MAYH
SONSEKAI
WHAT THE---??!!
HIJAAGG!!
AAGH!!

BOOM
THE HELL IS THAT?
OH! OH! IT'S VENOM! VENMOM TRIED TO ESCAPE!
@#$%! WHAT DO WE DO!!
PUT THE BUILDING IN LOCKDOWN! GET OSBORN!
IS OSBORN EVEN IN THE BUILDING??
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, "HAWKEYE"...
BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA

SON OF A--
I WON'T LIE TO YOU, BULLSEYE, I ENJOYED THAT.
TOO BAD YOU'LL HEAL.
YOU WON'T.
CLINC
CLANG
HAAA!!
TANG
HA!
NO! NO, USE YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY NUMBER!
PUT THE CODE IN!
I HEARD YOU!
THEN DO IT!
YOU ARE NOT YOUR FATHER, DAKEN, I'LL TELL YOU THAT.
WHUMP
HHAAA!
RRIPP
NOT AT ALL.

AGH!
CHUCK
WHACK
THIS IS AGENT DELPY IN AVENGERS TOWER LOBBY. OVER.
THIS IS OSBORN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE SECURITY MAINFRAME? WHO IS THIS?
WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
SIR, WE-WE-WE-WE--
SPEAK!
WE HAVE A BREACH!
HEY, KARLA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M GOING TO KILL YOUR BOSS. WANT TO HELP?
THAT IS TEMPTING.
GET YOUR MOONSTONE AND LET'S GO.
I CAN'T.
THAT IS YOU, BARTON, RIGHT?
YOU GONNA STAND IN MY WAY?
OR YOU GONNA LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE?

HMMM...
BRING UP THE RESIDENTIAL FLOOR ON SERVER THREE.
SHOW ME HOW GARGAN EVEN GOT THROUGH THE DAMN FORTIFIED WINDOW THAT WAS--
SORRY.
CAMERAS ARE WATCHING.
FSHAM
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
CLOSE THE RESIDENTIAL FLOOR!
LOCK IT DOWN!
CONTAINMENT FORCE FIELDS!
YOU LUCKY SON OF A--
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!

SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
ALL AGENTS: CONTAIN THAT STREET SCENE.
I WANT ALL AVENGERS IN THEIR ROOMS.
I WANT A BATTALION UP TO THE AVENGERS RESIDENCE.
GARGAN, YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE IN A DARK HOLE TILL THE MOON BECOMES THE---
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
CAN I HELP YOU?
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
BLAM

SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
PING
MM!
YOU DO KNOW I HAVE NICK FURY'S JOB. THAT MEANS I HAVE ALL NICK FURY'S TOYS.
PERSONAL FORCE SHIELD... YEAH.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I KNEW YOU WANTED TO KILL ME?
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
I'M JUST SURPRISED IT TOOK YOU THIS LONG TO TRY.
I'M SURPRISED YOU CAME ALONE.
PING
PING
BLAM
LET'S SEE HOW YOUR PERSONAL SHIELD HOLDS UP WHEN I TOSS YOU OUT THE WINDOW.
IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

AGH!
SECURITY LOCKDOWN!
WHAP
RIGHT.
CRACK
I COULD CUT OFF HIS HANDS.
NO. NO. HE HAS INTEL WE NEED. SAVE HIS HANDS AS A BARGAINING CHIP.
THANK YOU, ARES.
SEE? NOW YOU KNOW WHY WE NEED TO START WORK ON THIS LIST.
YOU SEE?
UGH...
THERE WAS A TIME, CLINT BARTON, WHEN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THIS SIDE OF THE COIN.
BLOODY HELL!
HOLD ON.

CLINT BARTON, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
THAT'S ONE DOWN...

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DAREDEVIL

PREVIEW

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LOWER MANHATTAN
WELCOME TO OUR IVORY TOWER, MISTER MURDOCK.
AS REQUESTED, WE HAVE PROVIDED YOUR LEGAL TEAM WITH DETAILS OF OUR HOLDINGS, FRONT COMPANIES AND LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WORLDWIDE.
I HAVE NO LEGAL TEAM...
THIS IS FOR ME ALONE.

I SEE.
WE CAN PROVIDE BRAILLE COPIES IF YOU REQUIRE...
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
IT WOULD SEEM THAT ALREADY I UNDERESTIMATE YOU. FOR THIS I APOLOGIZE.
BANKING. SHIPPING. ENERGY FUTURES. YOUR REACH IS IMPRESSIVE.
AND OUR GRASP *INESCAPABLE*.
THIS IS AN AWFUL LOT OF INFORMATION TO ENTRUST TO A FORMER ENEMY.
TRUST IS NOT AN ISSUE. YOU HAVE *ACCEPTED* OUR OFFER. YOU HAVE SWORN TO LEAD THE *HAND*...
AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME IF I *RENEGED* ON OUR AGREEMENT.
NO, MISTER MURDOCK. BELIEVE ME...
YOU *CANNOT* IMAGINE.

SO, YOU ARE AWARE THERE WILL BE CERTAIN... STIPULATIONS.
TOKENS OF COMMITMENT WILL BE REQUIRED. SACRIFICES MUST [redacted] MADE.
DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT SACRIFICE.
I'M WELL AWARE OF WHAT I HAVE TO SACRIFICE.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TIME TO...PREPARE YOURSELF?
I'M READY. LET'S BEGIN.
I THINK YOU WILL FIND, MISTER MURDOCK...

"...IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN."
BROOKLYN
HALEY? ROLLINSON? WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
I GOT A CALL TO MEET MY C.I. HERE...
YEAH, HE, UH...HE COULDN'T MAKE IT.
NOBODY HERE BUT US COPS.
OH, I GET IT. YOU'RE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE ME.
YOU BEEN SAYING SOME BAD THINGS ABOUT US, KURTZ. HURTFUL.
WE'RE JUST HONEST COPS LIKE YOU, TRYIN' TO MAKE THE STREETS SAFE FOR DECENT PEOPLE, Y'UNNERSTAND?
HONEST COPS? YOU WERE BOTH SUSPENDED FOR USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE!
AT LEAST, UNTIL NORMAN OSBORN HAD YOU REINSTATED FOR HIS CRAZY ZERO-TOLERANCE INITIATIVE...

YEAH, NO. IT WASN'T LIKE THAT. YOU GOT IT ALL ASS-BACKWARDS.
YOU WANNA WATCH WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THAT, ESPECIALLY IN COURT, Y'UNNERSTAND?

I'LL TELL THE TRUTH. NOT THAT IT EVEN MATTERS-- JUDGE WALDEN'S AS CROOKED AS THE TWO OF YOU.
ANOTHER OF OSBORN'S CRONIES. HE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT CRIME, AS LONG AS HE CAN KEEP IT OUT OF THE PAPERS...

I'M SORRY TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, DETECTIVE KURTZ.

JUDGE WALDEN? WHAT--
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME FOR YOU, KURTZ...
OR THE END OF IT.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT.
HKK
HOLYYY
A-ARMED POLICE! DROP YOUR--
WEAPON...?

AVENGERS TOWER
WHAT DO YOU WANT, NORMAN?
YOU'VE SEEN THE NEWS, I TAKE IT? NO, WHY WOULD YOU...
A JUDGE WAS SLAIN HERE IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT, ALONG WITH TWO POLICE OFFICERS.
GOOD.
SO WHAT?
IT'S AN AFFRONT TO THE VERY SYSTEM WE ARE SWORN TO UPHOLD, THAT'S WHAT.
WE MUST HAVE ORDER ON THE STREETS. WE MUST BE SEEN TO CRACK DOWN HARD ON ANYONE WHO DEFIES THE RULE OF LAW...
BECAUSE I AM THE RULE OF LAW.
LISTEN, NORMAN, WE'RE THE AVENGERS NOW. WE GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY.
GO SEND ANOTHER SWAT TEAM TO BODYBAG SOME PURSE-SNATCHERS, AND DON'T BE WASTING MY TIME WITH THIS PENNY-ANTE CRAP.

OH, BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE GOOD PART YET.
DAREDEVIL WAS BEHIND IT.
WHAT?
THESE MEN WERE ASSASSINATED BY THE NINJA DEATH-CULT KNOWN AS THE HAND.
THE HAND'S NORTH AMERICAN LAIR IS RIGHT HERE IN NEW YORK...
AND MY INTELLIGENCE SOURCE INDICATES THAT THEIR NEWLY APPOINTED LEADER IS NONE OTHER THAN DAREDEVIL.
I DON'T BUY THAT FOR A SECOND.
DAREDEVIL DOESN'T KILL. ESPECIALLY NOT COPS AND JUDGES--EVEN IF THEY ARE CROOKED.
PERHAPS HE'S FINALLY REACHED HIS BREAKING POINT. I DON'T KNOW, AND FRANKLY I DON'T CARE, BULLSEYE.
HE'S SENDING ME A MESSAGE. SO I'M SENDING ONE BACK.
I'M SENDING HIM YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT. HE MADE MY LIST...AND ALL YOUR CHRISTMASES HAVE COME AT ONCE.
I WANT YOU TO KILL DAREDEVIL.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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